(8) Oman

(9) Saudi Arabia (10)

Czech Republic

(11) Slovak Republic.

(c) The Government are in principle in favour of such Joint Business Council Agreements.

TDA report on TTCI

4316. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Development Authority in its report about Tea Trading Corporation of India had suggested for opening of joint ventures company abroad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such joint venture companies set up by the TTCI have been running into losses;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed on some persons for these avoidable Josses; and

(d) if so, details thereof

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) In order to expand activities of Tea Trading Corporation of India in the South East Asian region, the erstwhile Trade Development Authority, during 1978-79. prepared a feasibility report for establishing a joint venture project in Singapore for tea packaging-cum-blending complex. The joint venture project at-Singapore, which had run into losses, has since been wound up.

(c) and (d) Responsibility in the matter was fixed on the then Chief Executive of the Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd., who has since resigned.

Impot of Dry Fruit

4317. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the countries from which dry fruit particularly Almond, Kishmish and other varieties of dry fruit have been imported during each of the last two years ;

(b) the foreign exchange incurred thereon yeanvise; and

(c) the measures adopted to produce the dry fruit in the country and to save foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) As per annexure. *[see* Appendix 170, Annexure No, 822].

(c) Government of India has allocated Rs. 74.40 crores for the Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid and Temperate Zone Fruits under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the Eighth Plan for the development of fruits, which also includes dry fruits.

राज्य व्यापार निगम तथा खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम के निर्यात लक्ष्यों में गिरावट

4318. श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य व्यापार निगम और खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम ने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अपने निर्यात लक्ष्यों, विशेषकर कांडला मुक्त पत्तन से निर्यात होने वाले लौह अयस्क, खाद्य पदार्थों उर्वरकों और अन्य अयस्कों से संबंधित निर्यात लक्ष्यों में कमी कर दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कांडला मुक्त पत्तन से किये गये निर्यात का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) एम०एम०टी०सी० तथा एस०टी०सी० पत्तन वार निर्यात लक्ष्य नहीं रखते हैं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) एम०एम०टी०सी० द्वारा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कांडला पत्तन से किये गये निर्यात का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा :

(मात्रा : हजार मी० टन में)

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